



## New Hope for Forgotten Cats – Rehoming Policy

At New Hope for Forgotten Cats, our priority is to ensure that every cat finds a safe, loving, and permanent home. To protect the welfare of our cats and provide adopters with the best match, we have a structured rehoming process in place.

### 1. Initial Application

- All prospective adopters must complete our Adoption Application Form in full.
- This helps us understand your lifestyle, household environment, and previous pet experience.
- Applications will be reviewed by our team, and we may contact you for clarification or additional information.
- **Please note our restrictions regarding rehoming – we only rehome kittens in pairs and we do not rehome kittens in families where children are under 5 years old.**

### 2. Home Check

- A home check is required before any adoption is approved.
- The purpose of this visit is not to judge but to ensure that the environment is safe, secure, and suitable for the cat's needs.
- Factors we consider include:
  - Indoor/outdoor access
  - Security of windows, balconies, and gardens
  - Presence of other pets
  - Family dynamics (children, other household members)
- The home check also gives you an opportunity to ask questions and receive advice on preparing for your new pet,

### 3. Adoption Agreement

- Once your application is approved and the home check is successfully completed, you will be asked to sign our Adoption Agreement.
- This agreement sets out your responsibilities as the adopter, including:
  - Providing appropriate care, food, and veterinary attention
  - Ensuring the cat is kept safe and not used for breeding
  - Returning the cat to New Hope for Forgotten Cats if you are no longer able to care for them
- Signing this agreement is a condition of adoption and helps us safeguard the long-term wellbeing of our cats.

### 4. Adoption Donation

- An adoption donation is requested to help cover veterinary checks, vaccinations, microchipping, and other care costs.

- This contribution allows us to continue rescuing and rehoming cats in need.
- Our minimum adoption donation per cat/kitten is £70. All of our cats and kittens are fully vaccinated, neutered, microchipped and up to date with flea and worm treatment when adopted (or pre-arranged for a later date if kittens are too young for neutering) and our minimum adoption donation covers less than half of these costs.

## **5. Post-Adoption Support**

- We are committed to the success of every adoption.
- Our team is available for advice and support after adoption, and we may conduct follow-up checks to ensure the cat has settled well.

At New Hope for Forgotten Cats, completing the application form, passing a home check, and signing the adoption agreement are essential steps in our rehoming process. These measures ensure that every cat goes to a safe and responsible home where they can thrive.